

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary Aquatic Wildlife Habitat Creation

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Aquatic Wildlife Habitat Creation		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
For question 1-3, only ONE yes answer may be given (use the appropriate habitat evaluation worksheet).	
1. The planned habitat is >50 points and at least 60 points higher than the benchmark.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. The planned habitat is >50 points and at least 40-59 points higher than the benchmark.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. The planned habitat is >50 points and at least 20-39 points higher than the benchmark.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
General Questions:	
1. Is there an existing wildlife habitat plan approved by the State Biologist or Private Lands Wildlife Biologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Creation of one or more vernal pool complexes is included in the project.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. The project will restore historic anadromous or catadromous species migration (through stream blockage removal).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. The historic upstream usable area available to aquatic species due to stream blockage removal is greater than 25 stream miles.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Stream length offered for restoration is greater than 0.5 miles.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. The project will restore native brook trout habitat (spring creek restoration).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. Livestock will be excluded from wildlife habitat.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project occur in a state listed impaired watershed shown on the Toolkit GIS layer "Impaired Waters of Virginia" and provide improved water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. The project includes a Living Shoreline or a restoration of submerged aquatic vegetation practice in a Chesapeake Bay tributary.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project include the creation of riparian buffers?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project occur within 2 miles of and benefit a species that is in the Toolkit layer T&E species (either DGIF or Natural Heritage)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the project occur within 2 miles of a listed water (Toolkit layer "T&E Water) and improve stream quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: